IN THE CLAIMS

1-12 (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A bipolar junction transistor comprising: in a substrate, a first isolation structure spaced apart from a second isolation structure;

an emitter stack disposed above the substrate and between the first isolation structure and the second isolation structure;

a recess disposed <u>immediately</u> adjacent <u>to the emitter stack</u> and <u>disposed</u> between the emitter stack and the first isolation structure, wherein the recess exposes a collector tap, wherein the emitter stack and the recess share a boundary.

14-16 (Canceled)

- 17. (Original) The bipolar junction transistor according to claim 13, further including: a buried layer disposed in the substrate between the first isolation structure and the second isolation structure.
- 18. (Original) The bipolar junction transistor according to claim 13, further including: in the substrate, and epitaxial base layer disposed below the emitter stack; a collector structure disposed in the substrate below the emitter stack; and an intrinsic base structure disposed between the emitter stack and the collector structure.

19. (Original) The bipolar junction transistor according to claim 13, further including: in the substrate, an epitaxial base layer disposed below the emitter stack; a collector structure disposed in the substrate below the emitter stack; a dielectric layer disposed above the substrate and below the emitter stack, wherein the dielectric layer includes an emitter cut disposed above the collector structure; and

an intrinsic base structure disposed between the emitter cut and the collector structure.

- 20. (Original) The bipolar junction transistor according to claim 13, further including: in the substrate, a collector tap disposed in the recess, wherein the collector tap is selected from a P-- collector tap, a P- collector tap, a P collector tap, a P+ collector tap, a P+ collector tap, an N-- collector tap, an N- collector tap, an N collector tap, an N+ collector tap, and an N++ collector tap.
- 21. (Original) The bipolar junction transistor according to claim 13, wherein the substrate includes a bipolar-complementary metal oxide semiconductor (BiCMOS) structure.
- 22. (Original) The bipolar junction transistor according to claim 13, wherein the BJT is selected from a monojunction BJT device and a heterojunction BJT device.

23-26 (Canceled)

- 27. (Previously Presented) The bipolar junction transistor according to claim 13, wherein the collector tap is self-aligned.
- 28. (Previously Presented) The bipolar junction transistor according to claim 13, wherein the bipolar junction transistor is an NPN transistor, and wherein the collector tap is selected from an N-- collector tap, an N- collector tap, an N collector tap, an N+ collector tap, and an N++ collector tap.
- 29. (Previously Presented) The bipolar junction transistor according to claim 13, wherein the bipolar junction transistor is a PNP transistor, and wherein the collector tap is selected from a P-- collector tap, a P- collector tap, a P collector tap, a P+ collector tap, and a P++ collector tap.
- 30. (Previously Presented) The bipolar junction transistor according to claim 13, wherein the collector tap has no doping that is different from the substrate.
- 31. (Previously Presented) The bipolar junction transistor according to claim 13, wherein the recess is a contact corridor.